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Tuesday, March 3, 1953

At noon I met with the members of the High Authority: Henri Spaak,
President of the CSC Assembly and Messrs.

Monnet, President of the High Authority

Etzel, Vice-President of " " (German)

Coppe " " " " (Belgian)

Daum Member of the " " (French)

Pothoff " " " " (German)

Spierenburg " " " " (Dutch)

Wehrer " " " " (Luxembourg)

Giacchero " " " " (Italian)

Finet " " " " (Belgian)

Riese " " " CSC Court of Justice (German)
(representing Mr. Pilotti, the President of the Court who was ill).

Duvieusart, President of Council of Ministers (Belgian)

Burckhardt, Chairman of Consultative Committee (German)

There were numerous photographers and we all made radio speeches. Mine
was as follows:

"Mr. President, Members of the High Authority, and distinguished
Statesmen:

I am very proud indeed to appear here today to present my credentials as
the United States Representative to your Community.

This daring and noble enterprise designed to advance the cause of Peace and
to secure the blessings of prosperity and unity for its members has captivated
the imagination of free peoples everywhere.

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"The President and Secretary of State of my country, as well as the Congress, and in fact our citizens generally, have followed your proceedings with keen admiration and sympathy. We wish you that success in your endeavors which we know you richly deserve.

"We also salute you as the practical pioneers in the effort of your peoples to bring about a community of interest in economic, military, and political spheres on the Continent, which has been one of the oldest dreams of mankind, whose fruition should assure to us all generations of fruitful and peaceful progress, and guarantee to the human individual the full dignity to which he is entitled."

Afterwards Jean Monnet gave a luncheon at the Golf Club. The weather was wonderful and we basked in the sunshine before eating. Lunch was followed by an assortment of speeches in a variety of languages, and everyone seemed gay. The Coal and Steel Community has many difficult problems to solve, but I was greatly impressed by the determination of its executives.

I went to call this afternoon on Perle Kesta. She told me ~~that~~ she expected to relinquish her post in May. She accompanied me while I called on my old friend Mr. Bech, the almost perpetual Foreign Minister. As a genial conversationalist he is almost incomparable and is as well a man of great wisdom. He is frankly pessimistic about the prospects for ratification of the EDC Treaty, but sees no alternative to it to secure a German military contribution for the defense of Western Europe. He said ~~that~~ at the recent meeting of the Foreign Ministers in Rome he ~~had~~ tried to get the Benelux countries to take the lead in a speedy vote by their Parliament, but had been unable to get their agreement, chiefly because of Van Zeeland's opposition. He had no doubt ~~that~~ the vote in the Luxembourg Parliament would be favorable, but said ~~that~~ he could not bring

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the issue up until Belgium had acted, and he doubted ~~that~~ Belgium would do so until the French Parliament had passed on the matter.

I went back to the offices of the High Authority and talked to Monnet and Etzel. We discussed the great importance of the meeting in Strasbourg next week, to which the draft of a European political constitution will be submitted. Spaak invited me today to attend these meetings, and I shall go up on Sunday.

We returned to Paris by train tonight. It is a long journey, but at least affords a good opportunity for reading.

Perle Mesta is often referred to as "shrewd". If she is, it does not appear in many of her actions. When, as Under Secretary, I refused her application to come home (at Government expense) as a Consultant, a privilege she had already abused, she circumvented me by getting the President's personal approval. Naturally, this was much resented in the Department. Thereafter, she crowed over me as to how she knew how to get her way, oblivious, apparently, to any considerations of service obligation, efficiency or loyalty. She finds fault with all her subordinates, who usually loathe her.

After Eisenhower's election, or his induction, I've forgotten which, she wrote him what I think was the most shaming letter of this type I've ever read, asking for a diplomatic appointment, and referring to her great personal friendship for him and Mamie. I think she specifically mentioned the possibility of being

based on in Luxembourg. For some reason, the President (or the White House, without his knowledge) had the letter sent over to the Department for an appropriate reply. As she is almost universally detested in the Department as a phoney, an ignoramus and a pretentious bore, the drafting officers had a field day. Whether the White House altered the suggested reply, I never inquired, but the President flatly refused to keep her on as a Chief of Mission.

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List of persons met by Mr. Bruce in Luxembourg in connection with visit to High Authority on March 3, 1953, as reported by Luxembourg Office.

M. Monnet, President of the High Authority.

M. Etzel, Vice-President of " " (German)

M. Coppe. " " " " (Belgian)

M. Daum, Member of the " " (French)

M. Pothoff " " " " (German)

M. Spierenburg " " " " (Dutch)

M. Wehrer " " " " (Luxembourg)

M. Giacchero " " " " (Italian)

H. Finet " " " " (Belgian)

H. Riese " " " CSC Court of Justice (German)
(representing Mr. Pilotti, the President of the Court who was ill).

M. Spaak President of the CSC Common Assembly.

M. Duvieusart President of Council of Ministers (Belgian)

M. Burckhardt, Chairman of Consultative Committee (German)

M. Kohnstamm, Secretary of High Authority - (Dutch)

M. Godet, Legal Council, ^{As} Division of High Authority

M. Vinck, Chief of Market division of High Authority.

M. Hamburger, " " Cartel " " " "

M. Zalewski, " " Investment " " " "

M. Rollman, Market Division, Steel

M. Guyaut, Chief of Finance Division

M. Hutter, Chief of Transport Division

M. Ernst, Secretariat of High Authority

M. Calmes, " " Council of Ministers.

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